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GIRL FINDS MAIL BAG ON SHORE; GETS REWARD
OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—Flotsam washed on the lonely shores of Gooseberry Island, off the Newfoundland coast, brought Christmas cheer to Rachel Coomes, fisherman's daughter, today.

Wandering on the beach, she found a mail bag, lashed to a spar. Her find solved a missing-mail riddle that had puzzled inspectors for months. Postmaster General Murphy sent the girl a \$100 check, with his best Christmas wishes.

CELEBRATE SIXTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram B. Smith celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding yesterday—and so did their sisters and their cousins and their aunts, as well as grand and great-grandchildren.

Their home at 704 F street north-east was crowded all day with relatives and friends.

The husband is eighty-five years old, the wife seventy-nine. They were married at Falls Church, Va.

FAY KING FOILS PLOT OF KIDNAPERS



Innocent Old Guy Who Looked Like Santa Didn't Know Game of Young Huskies.

By FAY KING.

These are dangerous days indeed for round, rosy-cheeked old gent with white chin curtains who are apt to be mistaken for a certain welcome guest due to arrive soon from the far North.

I don't mind telling you that I saved one ponderous old pop from the "black on foot" as three little gamins gathered together at the curb and cast slanting glances at the old party with so much pep and a goodly color.

The three of them were huddled together in a conference, that looked as if serious business was in hand.

PLOT IN PROGRESS.

A plot was in progress.

To my horror I discovered it was to kidnap this here guy Santa Claus.

"Sure his him—you can't fool us!" said the gang leader. "I seen him pass here two or three times now, and it 'ud be the easiest thing in the world to nab him, and when we get him, we won't hurt him none; we'll just make him tell us where he's got our mitt stored and then we'll go over and get it, and after we get through passing out presents to them that we know he has been forgetting right along, we'll let him loose and he can do his stuff like usual. What yuh say? Huh?"

At this point Snowy with the black hands throws his little fat thumb over his shoulder and indicates that the party in question is just passing by again, and the three of 'em seemed to shake a bit in their boots.

The old gent with the rosy cheeks and the holly berry nose, tripped along little dreaming what might be in store for him.

"Tony's Ma has been wanting a pair of black silk gloves ever since I kin remember," says Jimmie, in the red-and-white sweater, and that little lame kid that lives next door to you, Bill, he's been writing to Santa Claus for a box of colored pencils for three years now and he always gets a sack of candy and a pair of mittens, which neither of 'em don't do him no good. It's time we was putting this guy right. I ain't so sore at him forgetting me, as I am him forgettin' some of the folks I know or mix in' up some of his bundles. If he comes by here tomorrow you rush up to him, Bill, and I'll throw a gunny sack over his head and Snowball can watch out and see that the road's clear—"

"But THAT ain't Santa Claus!"

I said, and three of 'em looked up at me scared-like!

"How do you know he ain't?" asks the spokesman.

"Santa Claus is a particular friend of mine," says I, "and that guy ain't him at all. But I have chance to overhear your plot, and the really good motives that prompt it, and if you will give me the name of the little lame boy that wants a box of colored pencils and the lady that wants a pair of black silk gloves, I'll see that they get 'em without you running any chances like you are willing to take."

FATHER AND SON HELD IN GIRL'S DEATH

Sweetheart of Younger Man Gives Police Clues in "Boathouse" Killing.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25.—The engrossing "boathouse murder" of an unidentified fifteen-year-old girl last September is slowly weaving threads of circumstantial evidence about Cash Weir, aged river man, which will today justify filing a first degree murder charge, detectives stated.

An overheard conversation at the city jail last night between Earl Weir, son of the river man, and Mrs. Helen Leary, the accuser, convinces authorities of the veracity of the woman's amazing story of the brutal murder.

Young Weir publicly denies knowledge of the crime, but he is said to have told his former sweetheart of aiding his father in dumping the body into the Columbia river. The body is yet to be found.

Mrs. Leary's story stands unshaken. Six times she has related details of witnessing through a knot hole in Weir's boathouse, the attack on the little girl, which resulted in her death. Young Weir threatened her when she quizzed him about the crime, the police were told. The secret was her's for two months, and finally in desperation she confided in friends who informed the police.

The father, facing a murder charge, and the son, held as an accessory, are the absolute antithesis of one another.

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WIRES BIG HELP FOR WOMEN WHO COOK

Fumes, Smoke, Soot and Ashes Vanish Under Electric Methods.

By LILLIAN CASSELS.

Electricity is the last word in domestic convenience. It is so because it requires the minimum of human effort for the maximum of satisfactory results.

Of fuels which are used for that most inevitable of human needs, the preparation of foods, electricity is so far superior that it will supplant others just as soon as women learn what it will do for them.

Anthracite coal is fast approaching a prohibitive price. Bituminous coal is more plentiful and cheaper—but women who burn it are desperately weary of the perpetual and losing fight for clean curtains, clean hands and faces, clean kitchens and homes and towns. This besides the labor of shoveling coals and ashes and coaxing fires and flues. When they are brought to know, definitely, that this apparent servant is really mastering their days in the mockery of its sooty yoke, written incessantly over their belongings, they will begin to question whether that autograph may not be permanently erased. When they realize that coal in distant power houses has been turned into clean electric fluid and may be brought to them along slender wires; when they realize, too, the willingness with which mighty catenacs have become volts and kilowatts of light, power, warmth, domestic service, or entertainment of sweet sounds, they will demand electricity for every domestic use, and they will get it.

Electricity cooks food without flame, fumes, soot, smoke, or odor. This fact is little appreciated until actual experience demonstrates its real meaning. That meaning is manifold; it embraces several distinct revolutions in kitchen conduct.

Good-by Kitchen Grime.

Smoke and soot, present in every other form of cooking fuel, are the bane of the dainty housekeeper. These may not be apparent while cooking is going on; but kitchen walls, woodwork, and windows soon show an accumulation of greasy black slum which is disgusting in its presence and disheartening in the hard work of its removal. How much time in average kitchens is spent in scrubbing away the grime which is inevitable with fuel that burns? How much of the joy of life is foregone in homes where housewives have not time to keep pots and pans and kettles up to the desired standards of brilliance? Electricity does not displace the old methods of cooking, but it regulates the heat in such a way that the regulation of heat is so perfect that burning is a rare occurrence.

The absence of flame and fumes enlarges under consideration. There is always, even with the most careful cooking, an element of danger in an open flame. Especially in this true where small children are concerned. Flames consume the vitality of the air, thus adding measurably to the fatigue and strain of the woman cooking in this vital atmosphere. The unpleasant, even dangerous, elements of fumes need scarcely be pointed out; though one accustoms one's self to their presence in the kitchen, their effects do not become less harmful.

Available in Many Forms.

Electricity for cooking may be had in many forms. There are ranges, furnaces, water heaters, and in intelligence, in that one can put an entire dinner in an automatically controlled oven, set the attached clock for the hour when it is desired cooking shall commence, and go away blissful, knowing the current will be basically done "by one" and kept on at a predetermined temperature for a stated time, then turned off, the skilfully insulated walls of the oven continuing cooking and keeping the meat hot until time to take it from its pans and serve it.

There are electric pressure cookers, electric pressure ranges, and smaller proportions than this one, but each fulfilling its own mission of perfect cooking mediums. There are electric pressure cookers, electric pressure ranges, and smaller proportions than this one, but each fulfilling its own mission of perfect cooking mediums. There are electric pressure cookers, electric pressure ranges, and smaller proportions than this one, but each fulfilling its own mission of perfect cooking mediums.

Economy In Labor.

These economies of time and labor and spirit are not the only ones effected by electricity as fuel. In addition, it has been proved that food cooked in an electric oven shrinks 15 to 20 per cent in actual weight less than the same food cooked with any other fuel.

Then there is the absolute temperature regulation available in electric ranges which makes it possible to cook by rule and by measured temperature, preventing burning, over-drying, or under-cooking. As an example: If a cake takes one and one-half hours to cook to-day, with the full heat for half an hour and the low heat for one hour, then the same mixture

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Married Only a Month He Hadn't Learned to Wait

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A pipient bridegroom, confessing to only one short month's experience in the business of being a benedict, startled Detective John Singer, in charge of the Missing Persons Bureau at police headquarters, last night with an imperative demand that the police reserves be called out immediately to search for his wife.

"She was doing Christmas shopping," the anguished husband explained, "and she was to meet me in the Pennsylvania Station subway. And she hasn't. And we've only been married a month. And she's an hour late now."

"Young man," said Singer, "I've been married fifteen years. You go back and sit where she told you to wait. A wife who is only an hour late doing Christmas shopping is something to be thankful for, not worried about."

BISHOP FORBIDS ADDRESS BY DANCER

Dr. Manning Answers Letters of Protest Referring to Isadora Duncan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—It became known yesterday that it was Bishop William T. Manning who intervened when the Rev. Dr. William Norman Guthrie, rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Mark's in the Bowlerie, announced that Isadora Duncan, interpreter of the classic dance, would address the forum of that church Christmas Eve. Miss Duncan was to have had for her topic at St. Mark's "The Moralizing Effect of Dancing on the Human Soul." A few days ago Dr. Guthrie authorized a brief statement that Miss Duncan's engagement had been canceled, but the reason remained a mystery.

From the office of Bishop Manning to the Episcopal publications the following notice has been issued.

"The bishop of New York has received letters of earnest protest from many parts of the country in regard to an announcement widely published in the newspapers that a dancer whose exhibitions have aroused great criticism in many of our cities would appear and speak at St. Mark's-in-the-Bowlerie, New York.

"In answer to these letters of protest Bishop Manning wishes to state that the dancer referred to will not speak at St. Mark's Church, nor appear professionally in any connection with the church or its services."

In the same oven must be equally well cooked in the same time tomorrow, next week, next year. There need be no watchwork; no food destroyed by reason of temperature that runs up after one's back is turned.

When to the cooking units of an electrically-equipped kitchen is added the super-convenience and economy of electrical refrigeration, the preparation of food, which under other conditions is an occupation made up of monotonous and seemingly continuous repetitions of varying kinds of hard labor, assumes very different proportions. The woman who cooks by wire becomes really mistress of her kitchen, and she finds within the wire a servant whose powers increase with use.

As with all other work under changed machinery, cooking by wire demands a little study and a little learning of "new tricks" if it be done efficiently and economically.

In future articles some rules will be given for the management of electricity as fuel for the use of women who are interested in electric stoves.

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